

## Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Sarah Fuller, July 1, 1875, with transcript

triplicate copy Copy of a copy of a letter from ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL to Sarah Fuller. The important part is in the postscript. (We had a copy of the first part of the letter, but do not appear to have had the postscript. Salem, Mass., July 1, 1875. Dear Miss Fuller:

I was unable to leave Salem by my usual train the other day — on account of an accident that happened to little George. He fell forcibly on his face lacerating his gum and lips. Mrs. Sanders wanted me to wait to see the doctor as I could explain to George, so much better than she could.

He is all right now save the disfigurements — no bones broken nor teeth lost. I did not reach the B. and A. R.R. till 2,20 — and could find nothing of you. When will you be in town again — and when can I see you?

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely, A. Graham Bell. P.S. Grand telegraphic discovery today. Transmitted vocal sounds for the first time. I sang in front of a stretched membrane attached to the armature of an electro-magnet — and the pitches were echoed by an instrument in another room about 300 feet away. With some further modification I hope we may be enabled to distinguish in the echo — the “timbre” of the sound. Should this be so — conversation viva voce by telegraph will be a fait accompli. Yours sincerely, A.G.B. P.S. The above result was accomplished without the aid of any battery. A.G.B.